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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Art Unit:
Hikaru TAKAKURA et al) Examiner:
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Contemporaneous with the filing of this case and prior to calculation of a filing fee and examination on the merits, kindly amend as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a divisional of application no. 08/894,818, now US Pat. 6,261,822 filed August 29, 1997, which is a 371 national stage application of PCT/JP96/03253, filed November 7, 1996, the entire contents of both applications being incorporated herein by reference.--

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